

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 1 to 7.

Please add new Claims 8 to 12, as follows:

Subj --8. An ink jet apparatus for printing on a printing medium with ink and treatment liquid having a function of setting ink, said apparatus comprising:

an ink ejection port for ejecting ink;
a treatment liquid ejection port for ejecting treatment liquid;

a waste liquid accommodating substance for accommodating waste liquid;

a first introducing means for introducing waste ink discharged by recovery operation from said ink ejection port into a first portion of said waste liquid accommodating substance; and

a second introducing means for introducing waste treatment liquid discharged by recovery operation from said treatment liquid ejection port into a second portion separated from said first portion of said waste liquid accommodating substance.

9. An ink jet apparatus as claimed in Claim 8, wherein said waste liquid accommodating substance is formed in a U-shaped configuration.